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## IN THE CLAIMS

- 1. (currently amended) A casing body having a main body and a front surface panel having a step therebetween, said casing body further having a sharp edge formed at a corner by the step, said casing body further having a small boss positioned near the corner such that a user's hand or finger can contact both the sharp edge at the corner and the small boss at the same time, wherein the small boss is provided at a position that allows a force from a contact of the user's hand or finger at the sharp edge at the corner to be dispersed to the sharp edge and the small boss, in which the corner is located at a rear portion of an intersection of two walls of the front surface panel and in which the position of the small boss is approximately 0.1 millimeters from each outer edge of the two walls.
- 2. (currently amended) A casing body having a sharp edge and a small boss positioned such that a user's hand or finger can contact both the sharp edge and the small boss at the same time, wherein the small boss is provided at a position that allows a force from a contact of the user's hand or finger at the sharp edge to be dispersed to the sharp edge and the small boss, and wherein the casing body is for an audio device and includes a main body and a front surface panel having steps in outer sides from an upper surface and side surfaces of the main body, and the sharp edge is formed on a corner part of a rear end face of the front surface panel at an intersection of two walls of the front surface panel, and in which the position of the small boss is approximately 0.1 millimeters from each outer edge of the two walls.

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3. (currently amended) A casing of an audio device, said casing comprising:

a main body;

a front surface panel arranged at one end of the main body such that a step is formed between a rear portion of the front surface panel and the main body, said front surface panel having a plurality of walls each having a rear surface at the rear portion of the front surface panel in which a sharp edge exists at an upper corner formed by two adjacent rear surfaces; and

a boss located near the corner such that a user's finger or hand can contact the edge and the boss at the same time so that contact force associated with the contact of the user's finger or hand thereat is dispersed to the edge and the boss,

in which each of the two respective rear surfaces associated with the corner has an inner edge and an outer edge and in which the boss is located within a distance of approximately 0.1 millimeters from each of the two outer edges of the two respective rear surfaces.

- 4. (previously presented) The casing of claim 3, in which the boss has a substantially semi-spherical shape.
  - 5. (canceled)
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